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CM Chris Machian

Claudette Lee, Practicum Coordinator for UNO's School of Social Work, was the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Achievement Award winner for the year.

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women awards luncheon Monday honored ICAN, Inc. and Claudette Lee, assistant professor of social work.

The UNO Jazz Band provided the music for the "Rosie the Riveter"-themed luncheon.

Judy Haecker, co-director of ICAN, Inc., accepted the 2000 Community Service Award on behalf of her organization, which sponsors the annual Women's Leadership Conference and Young Women's Leadership Conference.

Lee received the 2000 Outstanding Achievement Award. She is a practicum coordinator in the School of Social Work and is credited with helping to develop programs for minority students. She works mentoring female African-American students. Between 1992 and 1995, Lee served as vice chair and chair of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.

A framed, limited-edition lithograph, "Home Front," by Michael Hagel was raffled at the luncheon. Hagel is the grandson of Senator Chuck Hagel. The print, donated by Ed Burchfield of Valmont Industries, was created as part of the Victory '95 World War II 50th anniversary celebration.

Comedian Found Guilty in Rape of Student

Wednesday in Lancaster County District Court, stand-up comedian Vinson Horace Champ was found guilty of the 1997 rape of a Union College student in Lincoln, according to the WOWT Web site.

Champ pleaded no contest in 1998 to first-degree sexual assault charge involving a UNO teacher, according to an article in the Feb. 20, 1998 Gateway.

That article also stated that Champ, 38, was linked to several rapes on college campuses in 1997. He was arrested after an attempted assault in Pasadena City College in California.

Champ faces first-degree kidnapping charges for a 1997 attack on a woman at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. He was also charged earlier this month with first-degree kidnapping of a University of Iowa student, according to WOWT.

The jury in the Lincoln case was not told that Champ pleaded no contest in the UNO case. As part of the plea agreement in the case, judges and attorneys agreed to delay sentencing in Omaha until after the Lincoln trial, according to an article in the Omaha World-Herald.

Azimi Wins Agency Director of the Year Award

ZAHRA CHEEMA

Features Editor



Krisay Vogel

Ghafar Azimi, a graduate student going for his MBA, has been awarded the Agency Director of the Year Award. Azimi is the agency director for International Student Services.

"I think it's a great honor to win this," Azimi said. "It means a lot to me and to International Student Services."

Azimi shares the honor with his fellow agency director Frankie Coleman of the Women's Resource Center.

"We've all worked hard, and all deserve this," he said.

Azimi's job as agency director is to provide and organize activities for

Ghafar Azimi, a graduate student, has been awarded the Agency Director of the Year Award, as director for International Student Services.

International Students and to promote cultural awareness and interaction between students on campus.

"My job is to be a service on the campus, and specifically to the international students," he said.

This is Azimi's third year as Agency Director for ISS. He first got involved as an undergrad.

"I was involved with the ISS office during my undergrad and was a very active member, and the former director, Ekoka Molindo, encouraged me to take the position," he said.

Azimi said that he will most probably continue as agency director of ISS for another year but, "It all depends on my studies."

He hopes to eventually train other

people to take the job and then he will step down.

For future ISS activities, Azimi will try to promote more cultural awareness on campus and promote more interaction between American and international students.

"I want to have a good conversation partner program," he said.

Though there is such a program at UNO, Azimi hopes to bring it to ISS. In this an international students partners up with an American student to have a conversation.

"It will improve English for international students and at the same time there might be an American student who wants to learn Spanish or French, so it works both ways."

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Southwest Airlines On Top of Annual Quality Ranking

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

Just in time for those planning summer travel, the annual airline quality rating report was released Monday by the UNO Aviation Institute and the Wichita State University W. Frank Barton School of Business. Co-researchers for the report were Dean Headley, associate professor of marketing at WSU, and Brent Bowen, director of UNO's Aviation Institute.

The report summarized month-by-month quality ratings in 1999 for major U.S. airlines, defined as airlines whose yearly operating revenue is \$1 billion or more.

Southwest came out on top of the ranking, which is based on fourteen elements in the areas of on-time arrivals, involuntarily denied boardings, mishandled baggage and customer complaints.

Each criterion is weighted to calculate a score for each airline and one for the industry as a whole. Data for all criteria is drawn from the U.S. Department of Transportation's monthly Air Travel Consumer Report.

The airline industry's overall score declined from -1.609 in 1998 to -1.850 in 1999.

"Continued declining industry performance quality in 1999 gives cause for congress to again seriously consider the passage of an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights," the report stated.

The report also found that customer complaints increased 130 percent from 1998. The only category in which the industry improved was baggage handling.

"The many anti-consumer oriented rules developed recently to enhance perceived productivity at the expense of consumer comfort and convenience have resulted in retaliation as evidenced by increasing complaints to the Department of Transportation," Bowen said.

Examples of these policies include limiting carry-on bags, not allowing the carry-on of food and beverages, and not providing accurate information on delays.

The report stated that the industry's profitability remained good due to increasing demand, cost-efficient on-line reservation systems and higher fares.

"The demand for flying is only going to continue to go up about three or four percent a year," Headley said. "If we continue on that pace, in about 10 years, we're going to hit 1 billion travelers inside the United States—that's just people flying domestically. If that's the case, without capacity improvements, we're going to have every day at the airport looking like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving."

The report faulted the FAA for not updating the National Airspace System with available technology such as Global Positioning Systems. "The FAA must accept some blame in failing to meet the traveling public's needs," the report said.

1999 Ranking of Major U.S. Airlines

- 1 Southwest (-1.279)
- 2 Continental (-1.575)
- 3 Delta (-1.689)
- 4 Northwest (-1.720)
- 5 Alaska (-1.853)
- 6 US Airways (-1.932)
- 7 American Airlines (-1.997)
- 8 America West (-2.128)
- 9 TWA (-2.126)
- 10 United (-2.367)

1998 Ranking of Major U.S. Airlines

- 1 US Airways (-1.053)
- 2 Continental (-1.068)
- 3 American (-1.256)
- 4 Delta (-1.366)
- 5 Southwest (-1.408)
- 6 America West (-1.540)
- 7 TWA (-2.076)
- 8 Alaska (-2.077)
- 9 Northwest (-2.079)
- 10 United (-2.155)

Airline which mishandled the most baggage in 1999: United (7.01 bags per 1,000 passengers)

Airline which mishandled the least baggage in 1999: Southwest (4.22 bags per 1,000 passengers)

Industry average for mishandled baggage: 5.08 bags per 1,000 passengers

Airline with worst on-time arrival performance: America West (69.5%)

Airline with the best on-time performance: TWA (80.9%)

Worst months for on-time arrivals: January (67.7%), June (70.9%) and July (71.1%)

Best months for on-time arrivals: November (81.4%) and October (80.1%)

Airline most likely to bump passengers in 1999: Delta

Airline least likely to bump passengers in 1999: Northwest

Airline with the most complaints per 100,000 passengers: America West (3.73)

Airline with the fewest complaints per 100,000 passengers: Southwest (0.40)

UV Appreciation Week

ZAHRA CHEEMA

Features Editor

All this week University Village has planned a variety of activities for UV residents in honor of UV Residence Appreciation Week.

The purpose of the event was, "to let residents know we appreciate them living with us," said Susan Moore, Managing Director of UV. "It's a busy time of year and if we can make it easier for them, then we want to do those things."

UV Appreciation Week kicked off on Monday with free doughnuts for all residence. On Tuesday, free laundry was offered.

"There was a good crowd of folks in the laundry room," Moore said.

On Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. UV residents received two rolls of free toilet paper per living unit, and if they brought in burned out light bulbs, they could exchange them for new ones. On Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. there was a baked

potato feed.

Today the activities continue with movie night at the UV Clubhouse starting at 9:00 p.m. They will be playing Austin Powers one and two. Popcorn and soda will also be provided.

There will be cartoons and cereal on Saturday at 9:00 p.m.

"Pajamas are optional," Moore said.

To end UV Resident Appreciation Week there will be a community clean-up on Sunday, and for the participants, there will be free pizza at 5:00 p.m.

The idea for this event was borrowed from other college campuses, but UV staff and council put in their ideas too.


"The UV staff thought it would be a good idea, and also talked to the Resident Council about it," Moore said.

Moore says that the residents are enjoying the activities.

"People are very enthusiastic about it and we'll probably try to do it once a semester," she said.



Regurgitator Coughs Up Fun

all photos by  Chris Machian



Stevie Starr, better known as the "Regurgitator," entertained a large crowd of students with his unique act Tuesday in the Fireplace Lounge. Starr mixes comedy with swallowing many items. He swallows a billiard ball (upper left), and then is able to regurgitate it back up within minutes. Starr also swallowed butane gas and with the help of a lighter, spewed fire from his mouth. Later Starr blew a bubble of gas using dish soap and held the bubble on his hand. He picked John Piernicky from the audience to help him by swallowing live goldfish (left) and then bringing them back alive in a few minutes.

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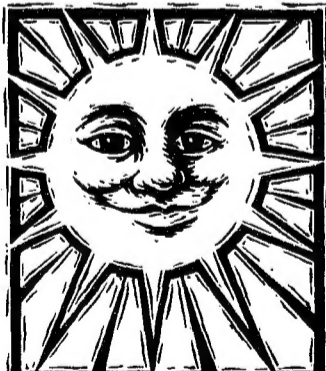
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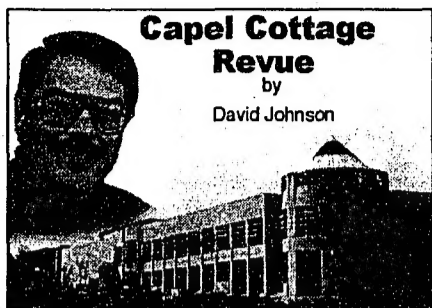
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Cruisin' the News

• Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation opened on Wall Street last Wednesday to a sweet reception by investors. Shares were offered at \$21, but rose to \$37 per share by the close of the day. One analyst said of the 75 percent increase, "They (Krispy Kreme) have virtually a cult following."

I've never heard of cops being called a cult before.

• Hundreds of passengers were stranded at the Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., on Monday when a power outage caused radar, lights and telephones to fail.

How ironic! More than 250 million people have been stranded in the U.S. since an eight-year power outage in Congress has caused our taxation and judicial systems to fail.

• The Judicial Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington voted 21-8 last week to outlaw Internet casinos and most other forms of gambling. Last year gambling revenue on the Internet rose to \$651 million. The bill now goes before the entire House.

Gamblenet.com will give you 6-5 it fails.

• Somebody stole a 17-foot truck/trailer last week from a Council Bluffs hotel. Inside was 700 pounds of ... fudge. That's \$5,000 worth of fudge!

Rumor has it the thief was caught trying to sell the hot fudge Sunday.

• A bundle of documents outlining British Trident nuclear weapons secrets were lost last week. They were eventually found lying on a sidewalk near the Aldermaston nuclear-weapons factory in Berkshire. The papers described how the current warheads would be replaced with smaller, more precise warheads capable of targeting bunkers.

I can think of one document carrier whose bunker is now a prime target.

• Ted Turner has just purchased 14,345 acres of land in western Nebraska, giving him a ranch sprawling 27 miles throughout Garden County. Locals wonder what experience Turner has had with heifers.

Well, he was married to Jane Fonda.

• A recent survey conducted by the AMA reports that 39 percent of the nation's doctors admit to having deceived insurance companies in order for their patients to receive specialized treatment not ordinarily covered by insurance.

The other 61 percent must be doing it just for the money.

• The National Zoo in Washington, D.C., will pay the Chinese government \$10 million over the next 10 years to bring a pair of pandas into the U.S.

Ten million is a lot of money. Maybe we can work out a trade ... say, the pandas for nuclear secrets. Ohhhh, what am I thinking, thanks to Clinton they already have those.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

There she goes again. Christine E. Barnes has again decided to bring a grievance on a member of Student Government. Barnes' newest complaint is against Ryan Grillo and his attempt to gain knowledge to change our campus for the better.

I was truly entertained by Barnes' letter in the Tuesday's paper. Just as I am entertained every time she brings another grievance to Student Government. I don't want to say I was lucky not having to work with Barnes during my term as president/regent, but I am glad that I was able to keep my grievance-free record. After one year away, Barnes has returned no different when she left in Nov. 1998, writing more grievances than resolutions.

Having established the idea that Barnes is a compulsive grievance-writer, we can now look into the current crusade against Grillo. In her letter, Barnes points out that her complaint has nothing to do with character but information. So maybe more information is needed. This form is really the second in complaints that somehow concern Grillo. The first was his appointment as budget committee chair. Again, the record of associating personal jealousy with the attempt to manipulate the rules has brought forth a grievance.

Dealing with the COSGA grievance is quite simple. Let's look at the facts, as Barnes would have us do. Yes, there was a resolution outlining the requirements of attending the conference. And yes, Grillo missed a meeting to speak with the director of Multicultural Affairs. But the facts don't stop there. Barnes neglected to inform her constituents that President/Regent William Marunda arrived at the conference a day late because he was attending a Board of Regents meeting. And did Marunda miss any sessions due to an Executive Council conference call?

Now, I would suggest that Marunda has done a good enough job as president to let his attendance slide. He was doing other things that benefit our campus and that is important.

Now that more of the facts are there, I grow curious when Barnes says, "If we let our personal feelings about someone interfere with the rules, we will become corrupted." Hello Pot, this is the Kettle, you're black!

As for Barnes' assumption that Grillo used the time to "fulfill a personal agenda," I find it ludicrous to say that a middle-class, white student gains anything personally by improving Multicultural Affairs. The only benefit he receives is a better campus and more representation for all students making the college experience more fulfilling. Is Barnes against improving Multicultural Affairs?

No matter what her motivation, I am sure Barnes' could find something to do with her office hour that improves the lives of students at UNO rather than attacking a dedicated senator known for his hard work and sacrifice of time for this university.

Whether it is to get her name in the paper or to act as a witch hunter, Barnes will probably continue to write grievance after grievance complaining of misuse or some violation. But I would simply suggest to the rest of Student Government, move on and do something that improves UNO. Don't be caught up in these little games that gives you all such a bad name. Student Government is a good thing and it does work for students, but if we let problems like an overzealous grievance writer bring the organization down, we as students have failed to prove that we are ready to change the world and move past the mistakes those before us made.

Sincerely,
Jon M. Shrader
Former President/Regent

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Dear Editor:

As a former student president/regent and graduate of UNO, I must commend Senator Ryan Grillo for his vision for the university. Throughout my personal and professional career, I have had the opportunity to work with many people with various backgrounds and beliefs. Throughout those experiences, I have never met an individual who works harder than Ryan Grillo. He is a man of outstanding character and his commitment to the success and future of the university through the empowerment of students is unparalleled.

Grillo consistently shows courage by tackling very difficult issues as a member or Student Government. While on a Student Government sponsored conference, Ryan

met with the director of Multicultural Affairs at Texas A&M — an opportunity that gave him a chance to see up-close another university's cultural affairs program. This visitation to the campus of Texas A&M is a true example of hard work and commitment to the student body. I am glad that Ryan was putting the concerns of students and the University of Nebraska-Omaha first while he was on this trip. He is a leader and should be commended.

UNO and its students need a strong voice, so please stand up with me and support Ryan Grillo.

Sincerely,
Justin Peterson
Former Student President/Regent
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Corrections:

In Tuesday's article, "Eighth Grader Wins Geography Bee, Advances to Finals in D.C.," the names of the following were spelled incorrectly: Thomas E. Goutierre, Charles R. Gildersleeve and Ivalyn J. VanEvery. The Gateway profoundly regrets the errors.

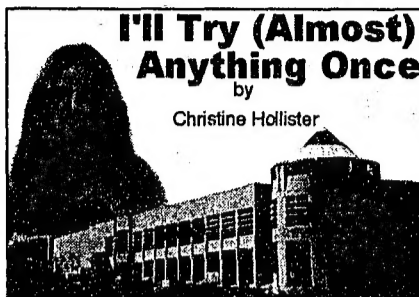
Editor's Note:

There has been much misunderstanding about where to go for Fund A refunds. Here is the real deal, as per folks at the Milo Bail Student Center administrative offices. If you are interested in receiving a refund of Fund A student fees, you may do so the third through sixth weeks of the spring and fall semesters. During the summer, there are two one-week periods when you can receive refunds. To do so, you must go to the administrative office in MBSC to fill out a form. The refund checks are then available at the cashiering office in Eppley Administration Building. My apologies to anyone who suffered inconvenience due to the mix-up.

Letters To The Editor

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Veggie Burgers Rule**I'll Try (Almost) Anything Once**

by Christine Hollister

It's been exactly one week since I've eaten any meat. I know that doesn't sound like a very long time, but for this Nebraska farm girl, it's an eternity.

I first thought about becoming a vegetarian my freshman year in college. It may have had something to do with the fact that "Marri-rott" (the Nebraska Wesleyan University cafeteria) was so bad that all I ever ate were Golden Grahams and blue Dinosaur Crunch ice cream. But I think that the real reason why I wanted to become a vegetarian was because every trip back home on the interstate I had to pass the trucks of death.

You always know when you are coming up on one of these trucks because of the stench and all of the feathers hitting your windshield. The trucks of death carry chickens, pigs or cattle on their way to the slaughter house. I couldn't help but feel bad when I passed them.

So for years, I kept on feeling bad when I passed the trucks. But I didn't ever do anything about it because when I was dating Josh the hunter (see I'll Try Almost Anything Once 3/31), I think I would have been disowned by his family if I would have gone vegetarian on them. So I just tried to limit myself to meat that I had shot or caught. That ensured me that the animal had a good life instead of being brought up in a too-

small pen and had too-short a life.

But now I was finally ready to give it a shot, and I thought that the perfect place to start would be Barnes and Noble. They surely would have some sort of how-to book, at least a "Veggies for Dummies" or something.

I walked over to the vegetarian cooking section. It was a fairly big section, and I looked and looked for my how-to book. There were plenty of cookbooks, but I needed to know what foods to eat to maintain my nutrition; not what spices go best in vegetarian lasagna.

There was a girl next to me who was looking over the books too, and I wanted to ask her if she knew what she was doing, but I was too scared.

"I just have to ask," she said. "Are you new at this?"

How did she know I was a beginner? I wondered. Was it that obvious? Then I looked down at my leopard print coat and black dead-cow boots. "Uum, yeah. How about you?"

"I've been a vegetarian for about four or five years now. So, why do you want to be one?"

I told her the truck of death story. "And you?"

"Well, I've always liked vegetables," she said. "And the first half of my life, I think I consumed enough meat for a lifetime."

I thought about all of the meat and potatoes I ate while growing up on the farm.

"Me too," I said.

"Well, if you're looking for a good book, anything by Mollie Katzen would be great for a beginner like you. She's the guru of vegetarian cooking, and her books will tell you what to buy at the grocery store too."

I bought "The Enchanted Broccoli Forest", thanked my new friend and left to

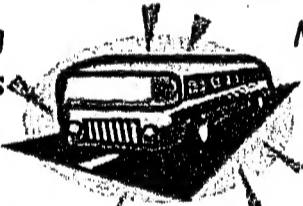
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Navratre: A Hindu Event

ZAHRA CHEEMA
Features Editor

Right now Hindus are participating in a religious event called Navratre. Navratre means "nine nights," and comes twice during the annual Hindu calendar.

According to Pooja Luthra, a freshman majoring in computer science and also a Hindu, the purpose of this event is to worship the goddess Sher Walai Mata, or "the one who sits on the lion." Luthra said that this goddess is considered to be the mother of all gods and goddesses in the Hindu faith.

Pallavi Shah, a senior majoring in management information services and a Hindu, said that during these nine days people fast.

"People fast, they cannot have anything that has any type of grain, all they can have are potatoes, fruit and water," Shah said.

Luthra said that there is a special mineral flour that they are allowed to eat during Navratre called "singhare."

Another food that people cannot use during Navratre is onion. Luthra said this is because it is considered an unpure vegetable during this time.

After the fast is over, food and gifts are given to small girls.

"After fasting we call the small girls in our neighborhood and make poori (a type of fried bread), hulva (cream of wheat pudding) and black chunnay (black chick peas) to give to the girls and we also give them money," Luthra said.

She said only young girls are called because they "represent the different faces of the Goddess."

As Luthra said, in different parts of India, Navratre is done differently.

Shah, who comes from the Northwestern Gujrat area of India, said that this first fast is done more in Northern India. She said that the second one is the one that Hindus from the Gujrat area focus more on.

This second Navratre also consists of fasting for nine days also, but includes playing and dancing.

"People first do a little worshipping to the Goddess, then they play for about four to five hours, and then pray again," Shah said.

Shah said that the dancing and playing have turned into an exciting event in India.

"Initially it was to worship the gods, now it's more of a social thing," she said. "If you go to big cities in India like Bombay it is everywhere, it's like a concert."

Though Shah does not fast, she joins in the fun.

"I don't do fasting, I just go for the dancing," she said.

Luthra also does not participate in fasting much either since coming to the U.S. because of the scarcity of her favorite flour, singhare.

"I used to fast in India, but not here in America because it is hard to get that food here," she said.

Both Shah and Luthra enjoy Navratre.

"It's the time people wait for. It's the best part of the year," Shah said.

"This is one of my favorite festivals in India. It is a way to worship," Luthra said.

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A pro-life organization is threatening to sue Indiana University after the school denied it permission to demonstrate in its requested location, the Indiana Daily Student reported.

The Genocide Awareness Project, a pro-life organization sponsored by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, wanted to set up a display between Ballantine and Woodburn Halls, a location university officials said was not a public forum.

IU officials told the group they could place a display on Dunn Meadow, a free-speech designated area on campus, but the group resisted, saying not enough people would see the display, IDS reported.

Gregg Cunningham, executive director of the Center for Bioethical Reform, told IDS that it would sue the university on First Amendment grounds.

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Attractions include former Nirvana guitarist Krist Novoselic and rapper Ice-T giving their distinctive two cents on censorship; actor and "Newsradio" alum Andy Dick discussing drug abuse and performing a small acoustic set; and activist Julia "Butterfly" Hill, who lived for two years in a California redwood tree to protest the deforestation of

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VEGGIE BURGERS

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go buy food.

Next stop, Bakers. I went in the store and got some romaine lettuce, tomatoes, hummus, pita bread and granola bars. As I passed the deli aisle, my stomach started to growl. Mmmm. Fried chicken. Smoked turkey. Hot dogs. I never was that much of a meat lover, but now I couldn't stop thinking about it. I distracted myself and grabbed two packages of veggie burgers of two different brands—you have to have variety, you know.

That night, I had to go to Lincoln, and I thought that I would stop by McDonald's to get a happy meal on my way. Wait; what was I thinking? I can't have a happy meal. What am I going to eat? French fries? Ice cream? The burgers there aren't real burgers anyway, right?

I decided that McDonald's just isn't the same if you can't have that greasy burger or processed chicken-type meat. It just isn't fair, I thought. Why can't such a popular restaurant cater to vegetarians too?

I went to the Kwik Shop next door, grabbed a granola bar and diet Pepsi and headed on my way.

Just today, I had to go to a big banquet for work. They served chicken. Beautiful, wonderful looking chicken presented on a colorful plate with pasta and shredded veggies. I decided not to even tempt myself. I asked the waitress if I could just have the veggies. I'm not going to lie to you. They sucked.

I'm finding that it's much more difficult than I thought to be a vegetarian. I'm not sure how long I can keep this up, but I'm going to try as long as I can. And it does help that I have taken a liking to hummus, bean sprouts and even veggie burgers.

Now I just have to get rid of those leather boots...

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Silver Screen

a review by Tim Vidas

'Keeping the Faith' Sure to Please All



above: Edward Norton, Jenna Elfman and Ben Stiller star in "Keeping the Faith."

Did you hear the one about the priest, the rabbi and the workaholic? I'm not going to tell you how it ends, but the punch line is delivered again and again in the romantic comedy "Keeping the Faith."

After movies like "End of Days" and "Stigmata" it's nice to see a fresh, light-hearted look at religion. "Keeping the Faith" is an odd love triangle between three neighborhood friends, Ed Norton ("Fight Club"), Ben Stiller ("There's Something About Mary") and Jenna Elfman ("Dharma and Greg").

Norton, who also directed the movie, plays the role of a Roman Catholic priest who gains interest in his past friend despite

his vows. Stiller plays a rabbi, who is not subject to such vows.

Elfman, on the other hand, came from a different batch, and becomes a big-time, high-class workaholic in a big corporation.

The audience gets to briefly follow both Norton and Stiller through school and their respective religious training, which proves to be hilarious.

The story begins when Norton and Stiller get assigned by their churches to go back to their old neighborhood. Elfman reunites with her friends when she is back in town on business.

The only thing against this movie is it wasn't very accurate. Hair, makeup and

wardrobe seemed to change slightly from scene to scene, but nothing to really mark the movie down for.

Elfman's character could of used some more character development, but all-in-all, none of the characters were flimsy. At times not all the issues were really believable, at other times it was very easy to relate to a number of issues.

Overall, the acting was on par for all three main actors.

"Keeping the Faith" is definitely a good movie.

If you don't need the best picture, plan on seeing this "Keeping the Faith," it's worth waiting in the opening night lines. **Grade: A-**

CD Reviews

by Enyi Emesih and Rae Licari

Rah Digga "Dirty Harriet" (Elektra Records)

The first lady of the underground posse The Outsidaz (which also features Eminem) and Busta Rhyme's Flip Mode Squad is here with her solo debut. After listening to this joint I must say it's straight up butter. If you like raw in your face hip-hop this is the CD to get. With it's underground sensibilities, unforgettable hooks and hypnotic beats, "Dirty Harriet" stands next to Common's "Like Water for Chocolate" as one the best rap albums to drop this year. Check songs like "Imperial" (featuring Busta Rhymes) which interlopes Musical Youth's "Pass the Dutchie." Also hot are the hardcore tracks "Do the Ladies Run this" featuring Eve and Sonja Blade, "The Last Word" and "Just for You." Great album for cruising with your crew.

Various Artists "The Three Strikes Soundtrack" (Priority Records)

The first song on this CD really gets you going. Snoop Dogg and Eastsidaz kicking that tight west coast flavor on "G'd up." A diverse mix of talent is represented here. We have Sauce Money on "Chart Climbin," No Limit's Silkk The Shocker flowing on "Where Dey At" and representing R/B Total is

"Crave." For a soundtrack, "The Three Strikes Soundtrack" does a good job of staying true to the concept of the movie. It also profiles artists somewhat new to the game, which always makes of interesting listening. It has moments where it does lag and get monotonous with no real exceptional stand-out moments, however it still does have entertainment value.

Steely Dan "Two Against Nature" (Giant Records)

It's been 20 years since these easy-listening FM heroes released their last effort "Gaucho." Their place in music history is important because their blend of classic R/B, jazz and soft rock with solid lyrical content has led them to stand out and remain a constant source of inspiration to many. Steely Dan's influence has also left its mark on hip-hop where it is both respected and sampled. The new album brings together all the elements that made their earlier material timeless intense. Check for tracks like "Almost Gothic," "What a Shame About Me," "Cousin Dupree" and "Jack of Speed." These songs all share that rare gift of visually telling stories which also something they share with hip-hop. Try something new and get this CD, it's definitely one for the collection.

Jazzyfatnastees "The Once and Future" (MCA Records)

Before releasing their MCA debut Jazzyfatnastees sang back up for the Roots. This album, mostly written by the duo, combines soul, jazz and R/B. They bring together a peaceful harmony of music. Powered by thought provoking lyrics and good music, this duo delivers music in the vein of D'Angelo and British crooner Omar. Executive produced by The Roots, this album maintains hip-hop credibility with production by Questlove, the band's drummer. "The Once and Future" has a mellow vibe for those quieter moments alone. Everyone is sure to dig "The Once and Future."

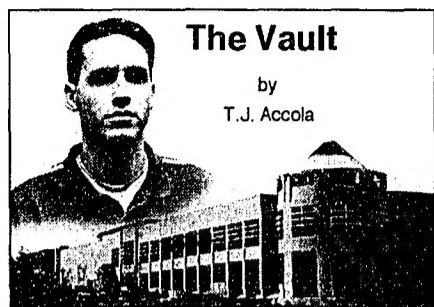
Young Bleed "My Own" (Priority Records)

Straight up, this joint is for ballers, playas and wannabe pimps. I mean it too. Nothing on "My Own" really grabbed my attention. Anthems about loot, rides and ice are the thing on this album. There is nothing new or anything breaking new ground on this album. There is nothing to make me want to keep listening at all. It's okay when you get into that playa mode, cruising in your ride with your lean in full effect. That's really it. Just another CD following the footsteps of No Limit and Cash Money Millionaires which proves

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Stuff You May Have Missed

T.J. Reminds us of Movies, Music and More



"Velvet Goldmine" VHS and DVD

This fictionalized but truth-inspired account of glam-rock in the '70s could very well be considered the finest music-themed film ever.

Brian Slade (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), is a glam-rock star whose fictionalized life has been culled from the

true stories of David Bowie, Mick Jagger and Lou Reed among others. The film follows Slade's meteoric ride to the top of the rock world in the '70s, up to his apparent "assassination." On the 10th anniversary of Slade's death, journalist Arthur Stuart (Christian Bale) decides to retrace the events leading up to it; gathering accounts from one Slade associate after another, a la "Citizen Kane." What he slowly uncovers is a story of opulent decadence in a time when excess was the rule rather than the exception.

Meyers does what is required of him: to play a sexually ambiguous pop star with an almost alien-like quality, which in itself is an admirable feat. Ewan McGregor, as Slade's lust interest/musical collaborator/best friend, gives a captivating performance that makes you want to rub your eyes and make sure he isn't really Iggy Pop in the flesh.

"Sixth Sense" costar Toni Collette and British comedian Eddie Izzard both give solid supporting performances, but the real breakout star of the movie is the music. Radiohead frontman Thom Yorke, ex-London Suede guitarist Bernard Butler and Sonic Youth mem-

ber Thurston Moore have teamed together, along with some other noteworthy musicians, to provide original music for the film. Mixed in with covers of T-Rex and Roxy Music classics, along with a few other original glam-rock classics, the songs are the propelling force behind the movie. The result is the best original soundtrack ever, bar none.

Movie Grade: A-; Soundtrack Grade: A+

Supergrass "In It For the Money" CD

Five years ago many critics would have dismissed Supergrass as just another of the many bands that were part of the so-called "new" British invasion. With this 1997 sophomore effort, Supergrass showed it was more about rock and less about pop.

Make no mistake, Supergrass is a rock 'n' roll band in the truest sense. Songs like "Cheapskate," "You Can See Me" and the title track are reminiscent of the hey-

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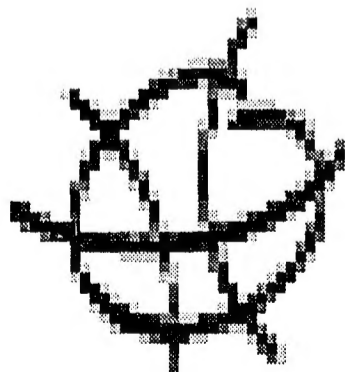


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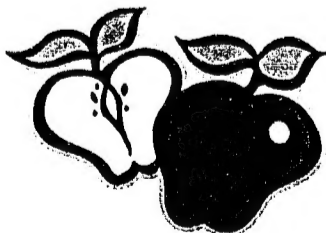
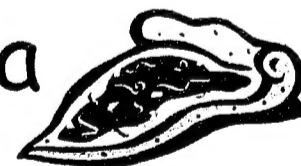
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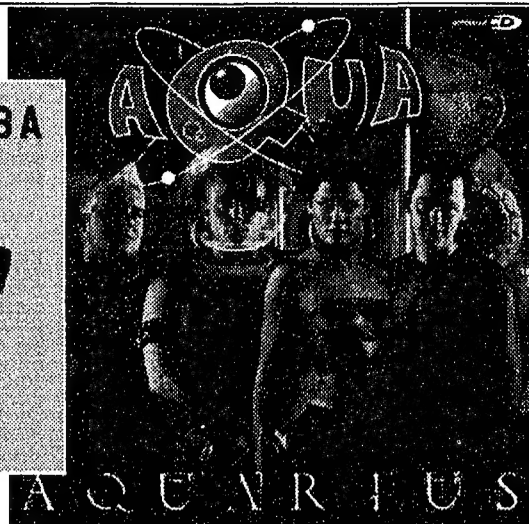
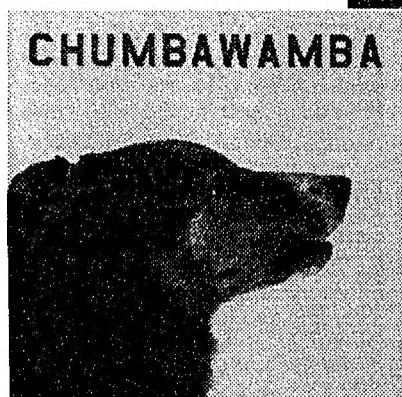


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Aqua "Aquarius" (MCA)

Normally, one-hit wonders the magnitude of Aqua's obnoxiously cute breakthrough "Barbie Girl" drop off the face of the earth, never to be seen or heard from again. Well, the Danish dance-pop foursome have put out another obnoxiously cutesy record, this time titled "Aquarius," not to be confused with the band's debut album "Aquarium." (I have to wonder just how many more records Aqua can release entitled with the prefix "aqua.") I suppose you have to give them points for effort, right? Aqua jumps on the Latin-pop bandwagon with the track "Cuba Libre," and other songs like "Halloween" and "Cartoon Heroes" are just plain nightmarish and disturbing. Singer Lene's squeaky vocals grate on the nerves like fingernails scraping on a chalkboard, sounding oddly juxtaposed next to co-vocalist Rene's contrabass boom, and those revved-up dance beats pound on the skull with all the decorum of a throbbing migraine, but if bubblegum is your bag, go for it. Bonus points are awarded for the enhanced multimedia bit, including a video for "Cartoon Heroes," link to the official Web site and Aquarius Fighter, an interestingly simplistic shoot-the-monster (in this case, giant octopus) computer game. **Grade: C-**

Chumbawamba "What You See Is What You Get" (Republic)

Before you all roll your eyes and skip ahead to the next article, take a moment to ask yourself if you've ever actually heard a Chumbawamba song that wasn't 1998's hideously overplayed

"Tubthumping." With that in mind, now ask yourself if it's really fair to judge a band solely on a single song. Still with me? Good, because the British pop-anarchist collective known as Chumbawamba's latest, "WYSIWYG," offers a fresh take on the world of mainstream rock music. The disk is an eclectic composite of politics and just about every musical genre imaginable, adding humor while covering such subjects as the Internet, designer clothing advertisements, Jerry Springer, the National Rifle Association, celebrity scandals and the stupidity of society in general. The gang of notorious troublemakers is bound to spark a controversy with somebody somewhere with their antidisestablishmentarian antics, or at the very least, raise a few eyebrows. From the Microsoft-mocking choruses of "Where do you want to go today?" of "Pass It Along" to the social satire of "She's Got All The Friends," Chumbawamba delivers a quality disc with a powerful message. **Grade: A**

Alice DeeJay "Who Needs Guitars Anyway?" (Republic)

The pop-influenced Dutch Trance on Alice DeeJay's debut album "Who Needs Guitars Anyway?" is a highly danceable mix of electronic synthesizers and melodic vocals. Tracks like "Back In My Life" and "Better Off Alone" are catchy and fun to groove along to. Alice DeeJay, the group's name for the collective of DJs and producers collaborating on the project, produces an album's worth of solid, uniform dance tunes certain to get you in a mood to get your groove thang on. **Grade: B+**

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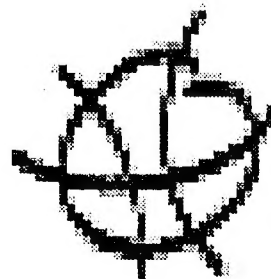
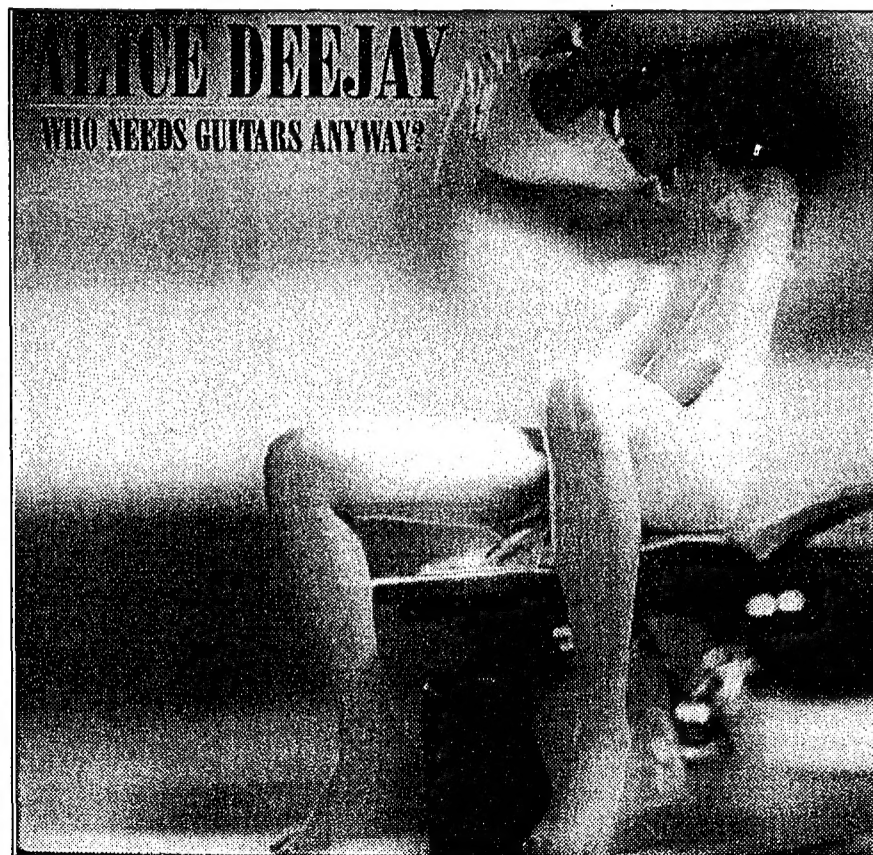
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According to the College Board, the typical annual tuition bill at a four-year private college averages \$23,651, while tuition at a state school costs an average \$10,909 per year. In fact, the price of a year at a private school can easily top \$30,000, which has made the need to find financial aid a priority for most college students.

With Internet technology changing and growing each year, so has financial aid resources on the Web. Because of this, more college students have turned their attention to searching the Internet for scholarships, grants and loans.

Over the past several years, a number of Web sites have emerged, giving students financial aid advice and in most cases, scholarships to help pay for college. And because the field has become so crowded, most sites will do whatever it takes to meet the needs of a large and growing audience of financial aid seekers.

One of the most popular sites online is FastWeb.com. Created in 1996 and originally called Student Services,

FastWeb has more than five million registered users and gives high school and college students access to more than 400,000 scholarships valued at more than \$1 billion.

In addition, the site offers its users expert advice on various topics ranging from career planning and jobs to money management. Students also receive updates on new scholarships via e-mail. Like most sites of its kind, FastWeb supports itself with ads as well as fees for generating marketing research.

FreeScholarships.com is another Web site that has gained a lot of media exposure over the past few weeks. This site gives away scholarships — \$10,000 daily, \$25,000 monthly and \$50,000 quarterly — through online drawings. Winners can apply the scholarship toward tuition, fees and even loans while in school or after they graduate.

As one of the largest scholarship search Web sites online, FastAID.com has more than 20 years of experience researching scholarship sources and is the oldest site of its kind on the Web. FastAID is the publisher of "The Scholarship Book" from Prentice Hall.

While all of this may sound appealing at first glance, there are some risks and options a student gives up if they

chose to find financial aid on the Internet.

"I think any method used by a student is good," said John Olino, director of Financial Aid at Columbia College Chicago. However Olino warns that the Internet shouldn't replace financial aid planning by a student and his or her parents.

"Nothing gets the job done like face-to-face communication between two people."

It's that communication Olino feels is key to insuring a student is getting the best advice from a financial aid advisor and filling out all of the necessary forms to receive financial aid. "The human factor can't be taken out of the situation," he says.

The bottom line is for students to do their homework before searching for financial aid on the Internet, says Olino. "A machine can't do that."

Other Web sites you can check out for financial aid information:

-www.collegequest.com
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THE VAULT

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day of bands like the Who and the Rolling Stones. Even ballads like "Late in the Day" are a jolt of pure rock. The songs on "In It For the Money" are a welcome throwback to old-style rock, something which is becoming harder and harder to find these days.

Grade: A

"Gates of Fire" by Steven Pressfield paperback

In 480 B.C., 300 Spartan warriors defended the mountain pass of Thermopylae from the invading forces of the massive Persian army, which numbered in the millions. For seven days the Spartans prevented the Persians from entering the south of Greece, allowing the rest of Greece to gather its forces and essentially protecting the idea of democracy and all those other great things ancient Greek civilization has provided us.

So maybe it wasn't just 300 Spartan soldiers — they did have their respective proteges and over 2,000 allies from nearby villages and towns-but the story is still perhaps history's greatest tale of sacrifice in the context of war. Author Steven Pressfield has given this fascinating event a humanistic spin. Even though Pressfield has filled his novel with intoxicatingly thick prose, he has peppered the dialogue between the Spartans with realism — imagine the "Goodfellas" meets "Spartacus" meets "The Thin Red Line."

Reportedly being considered for a film adaptation by director Michael Mann ("Heat," "The Insider"), "Gates of Fire" is simultaneously a sweeping epic and a very moving personal story. Pressfield gives a glimpse of what life as a Spartan must have been like, and it is both horrifying and awe-inspiring. "Gates of Fire" is a testament to the lives of warriors, and it ranks as one of the greatest war novels ever.

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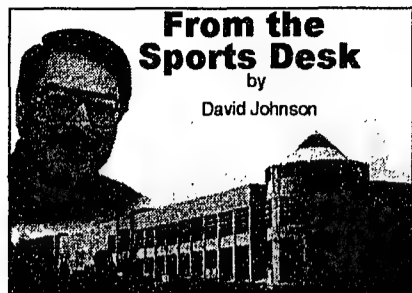
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Cheering from Above

The sports world lost one of its biggest fans last week when Marjorie Heinichen passed away suddenly, at the youthful age of 67.

I first met Marjorie ... oh, it must have been in the mid-1950s. We took an instant like to each other, became fast friends, and were very close throughout both our lives. It was she who encouraged my love of sports.

When I say encouraged, I mean we use to argue at length over who was the better baseball player. Baseball was really the only game in town back then (sure football was around, but it was barely popular). I'd watch the Game of the Week with Pee Wee Reese and Dizzy Dean every Saturday back then, but only after I mowed the lawn. Marjorie offered to help me. My dad wouldn't let her.

I was a Yankees fan. She was a Giants fan. I loved the Mick. She loved the Say Hey Kid.

"If Mantle had two good knees, he'd run rings around Mays," I'd say.

"Mantle strikes out too much. Mays is the better all-around player," she'd say. Of course, she was wrong.

I loved the Mick so much, I had to be No. 7 whenever I played little league. It was Marjorie who sewed the number on the back of my jersey. It was also Marjorie who paid for ol' man Peterson's window when my line drive crashed into his kitchen.

Baseball wasn't the only sport over which we would argue. In the late '60s, it was hockey. I was a Boston Bruins fan — Bobby Orr, Phil Esposito, Derrick Sanderson. She watched the Montreal Canadians. I don't think she understood hockey as much as I did, but she watched it just so we could keep our conversation ... uh, lively.

Marjorie was a keen fan of the Olympic Games. Her favorite events were gymnastics, diving and figure skating.

"Figure skating?" I'd say. "That's not a sport. You can't hit anybody (unless you're Tonya Harding). The judges are all corrupt. The Russian skater could fall down a dozen times and still win because the judges are all communists."

"Oh, but it's so beautiful," she'd say. "Watch Toller Cranston. He's so graceful."

"But, he's gay."

"Does that matter?"

Does that matter? I guess I learned something about myself then. Size, muscles, strength and the ability to chug a six-pack of beer doesn't make one an athlete. Marjorie made me look deeper into the purity of sport. Sexual preference really has no bearing on one's athletic ability.

Although she wasn't an activist for gay rights, Marjorie stayed loyal to her favorite athletes: Brian Boitano and Greg Louganis. Even her favorite singer, Johnny Mathis, is gay.

"He was a high jumper at San Francisco State, you know," she told me. "Set the school record. He was Bill Russell's roommate."

While teaching me about sports, Marjorie was teaching me about life. I learned a lot from her.

Marjorie Heinichen was her maiden name. Her married name was Marjorie Johnson. She was my mother.

Hardballers Salvage Split



Chris Machian

Mav left fielder Jeremy Clark dives into foul territory for a fly ball just out of his reach Wednesday afternoon in the first game against the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The intense wind played havoc with anything hit in the air, making playing the outfield an adventure at times.

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

The UNO Mavericks came back with a vengeance Wednesday to defeat arch-rival Nebraska-Kearney 8-4 in the second bill of a double dip. UNK edged the Mavs 4-3 to open the series at Isaacson Field.

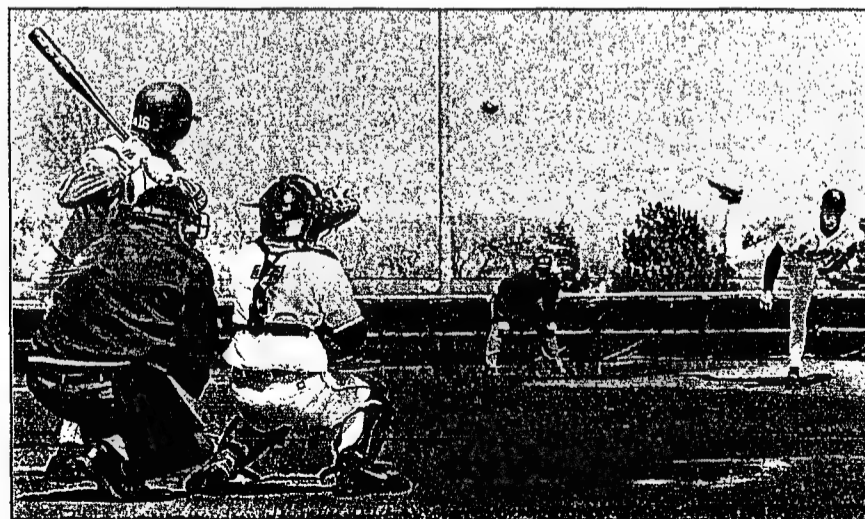
Back-to-back doubles in the first inning of the first game by first baseman John Shoemaker and designated hitter Tom Ogee produced a run for the home team, but the Loper would take the lead for good in the third. The Mavs rallied for a pair in the seventh inning, thanks to four Loper miscues, but the rally fell short. Final: UNK 4-3 UNO.

Game two was all offense for Coach Herold's crew.

Right fielder John Cappellano's solo tater ignited a six-run first inning for the Mavs. Second baseman Adam Sterling went 2-3 with two RBI's and Shoemaker was 1-2 with two RBI's for UNO, who cruised home for the win.

James Peters (1-1) pitched two innings of no-hit ball, including four Ks, for the win.

UNO's record now stands at 14-15-1. UNK is 11-17.



Chris Machian

Mav pitcher Jason Tesmer lets loose ball four towards catcher Aaron Bearinger and walks UNK's Zach Mader, during Wednesday's non-conference double header split with the Antelopes.

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One Word: Ouch!



Chris Machlan

Mav catcher Jennifer Carson tags out Augustana's Kelly Connolly at home plate in the Mavs' 2-0 loss to Augustana.

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

This hurts.

UNO's softball team has been on a roll all year. Thirty-nine wins and only 7 losses. True, they were facing a very talented Augustana squad, but the Mavs were at home and Michelle Manthei and Krista Unger were on the mound. Augustana, however, did not let that bother them, posting back-to-back shutouts (2-0, 1-0) over the quiet bats of UNO.

Manthei pitched well enough to get both wins, but the rest of the team found it extremely difficult to provide any offensive support.

Augustana's Kelly Connolly held Coach Tostenson's crew to just three hits in the first game, and combined with Jennifer Hill to pitch a five-hit shutout in the nightcap.

Despite giving up just nine hits to Auggie bats, Manthei was collared with both losses, dropping to 20-6 on the season.

The Mavs fell to 39-9. Augustana improved to 40-7.

UNO travels to Warrensburg, Mo. this weekend to face Central Missouri State and Missouri Southern. The CMSU Jennies are 16-15, but have lost their last seven games. The Lady Lions of MSC are 26-8.

Soccer Exhibition Season Winds Down

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

The UNO womens soccer team closes out its spring exhibition season with a pair of matches this weekend.

First on the list is Division I Creighton University. The two teams kick it around beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday at Aksarben Field. On Sunday, the Mavs go against the Sioux Falls Dakota Gold 18-and-under team. That game starts at 11 a.m. at Aksarben.

Freshman forward A'Keisha Varnado leads the Mavericks with two goals and an assist. Freshman midfielder Jessica Butler has added three assists.

NCC Player of the Year, freshman Katie Hobbs has one assist so far.

Redshirt freshman Michelle Villanueva is tending nets this season. In two games, she has given up just four goals while turning back a dozen shots.

The women tee it up for real in the fall for what will be their second season of Division II play.

Track and Field to Take Challenge

KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

After participating in a non-scored meet last weekend, the UNO track and field team will travel to Emporia State to participate in the scored D-II Challenge.

"Most everybody did only one event last weekend," Coach Tim Hendricks said. "We wanted them to take it easy because at this meet there are going to be a lot of them who will do two or three events."

The Mavs had three athletes provisionally qualify for the outdoor nationals and one athlete take first place in

the hammer throw at last week's open in Lincoln. All hope to do even better during this weekend's competition.

"Last year we came in second at this meet, and the year before that we won it," Hendricks said. "We're really looking for some great performances so we can be up there again. Of course we'd like to win it."

There will be ten teams in Emporia, Kan., to compete against UNO. Division II powers such as Truman State, Emporia State, Northern Colorado, University of North Dakota, Pittsburg State and Northwest Missouri State will all be vying for the No. 1 spot.

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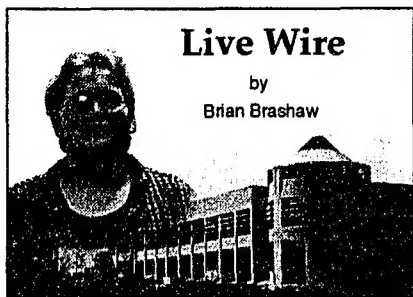
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Lord Stanley Awaits

The practicing is over, the dress rehearsals don't mean a thing, and the tickets for the show are sold out. All that's left in the National Hockey League this season are the theatrics. Who wants to meet Lord Stanley, and who wants to drink from his Cup? That's all that matters anymore.

There are 16 members of the cast for Act I, and here they are in order.

Out of the west come eight teams. They will duel for parts in Act II.

The St. Louis Blues (No. 1 seed) vs. the San Jose Sharks (No. 8 seed).

The Blues come into the playoffs in possession of the President's Cup, given to the team with the most regular season points. There is no reason to think the Sharks will take a bite out of them.

St. Louis is stacked with talent this season. Veteran support and proven scorers make this a difficult draw for San Jose. San Jose was one of the hottest teams in the league at one point, but limped into the playoffs.

The best match-up of the series lies in the net. Blues goalie Roman Turek, one of the best surprises of the season, is untested in the post-season. Sharks goalie Steve Shields is in a similar situation. The Sharks better hope Shields becomes a veteran real quick, or they will be speared.

St. Louis wins if Turek proves he is a playoff goalie. San Jose wins if they get inside Turek's head and win the first one or two games.

My Prediction: St. Louis in five. Sorry Sharks, but hey ... love the uniforms!

Dallas Stars (No. 2 seed) vs. Edmonton Oilers (No. 7 seed).

I hate trying to predict series when Edmonton is involved. The Oil is good enough to surprise anyone, but they are bad enough to be swept. This will be the fourth consecutive meeting in the playoffs for these two. Dallas' stingy defense and offensive firepower proves too much even for the superhuman Edmonton goalie Tommy Salo to handle.

Dallas wins if Salo's Cujo impression is as bad as my sports writer impression. Edmonton wins if the Oilers can use their speed and youth. If Dallas wins, they win on pure heart, riding the back of Tommy Salo.

Dallas in six. Stars play spoiler to Edmonton's run again.

Colorado Avalanche (No. 3 seed) vs. Phoenix Coyotes (No. 6 seed).

The Avalanche has been rejuvenated by the acquisition of Ray Bourque. The Av's are a major Cup contender now, and Bourque can all but taste the champagne from Stanley's Cup. Goalie Patrick Roy would love to share that by winning his third Cup ring. Veteran leadership, young guns and all-stars from first line to third line make Colorado the clear favorites in this one.

Phoenix brings two guys who give their all every game, Jeremy Roenick and Keith Tkachuk. But the Coyotes have had goaltending issues all year. Another great 'Yote start comes with another pathetic finish.

Colorado wins if they play. The

Avalanche shows up and they win. They also need to play well without Peter Forsberg for a few games. The Coyotes win if Patrick Roy's ego shields him from Roenick's shots.

Avalanche in five. Quebec lives in Colorado, or through them.

Detroit Red Wings (No. 4 seed) vs. Los Angeles Kings (No. 5 seed).

This has got to be the most lopsided No. 4 vs. No. 5 in the history of the NHL. The Red Wings have more stars top to bottom than any other team. With a team comprised of Yzerman, Federov, Kozlov, Shanahan, Chelios, Verbeek, Draper, Lidstrom, Larionov, and Cup-winner Chris Osgood there is no reason to think Detroit won't win. If nothing else, the Wings win on experience alone. Los Angeles has very little including a goaltender who may or may not be battle ready.

Detroit wins if they strap on the skates. This is a wash. Los Angeles wins if they pray good and hard, and if Wayne Gretzky comes back to play for them.

Detroit sweep.

Out of the East, eight more competitors forged forth.

Philadelphia Flyers (No. 1 seed) vs. Buffalo Sabres (No. 8 seed).

This is the draw Philly didn't want. The Sabres now have Dominik Hasek back in full effect, and anyone who knows anything about hockey knows he dominates the net. The Flyers have a potent offense powered by the spark plugs Mark Recchi and John LeClair. Both teams are big, gritty, and match well. Buffalo's edge goes to goaltending. Hasek has a way of mentally removing teams from the game.

Philadelphia wins if they bully the Sabres. The Flyers need to solve Hasek's mind puzzle and their inexperience in net needs to age five seasons. The Sabres win if Hasek is Hasek. If Eric Lindros comes back for Philly, Buffalo needs to make him a non-factor.

Get ready for the first upset of the playoffs, No. 8 Buffalo wins in six.

Washington Capitals (No. 2 seed) vs. Pittsburgh Penguins (No. 7 seed)

The Capitals are the hottest team in hockey right now. The Caps are 14-5-2 (.737 win percentage) since Feb. 26th, however they have lost their last two to the Penguins. Washington has smelled victory by making the Finals in 1998 on the shoulders of their big-money netminder Olaf Kolzig. The Penguins will be an offensive force for Kolzig to deal with. Jatonir Jagr will lead the Pens in scoring because, well he has to keep them alive. The Pens enforcer and crazy freak Matt Barnaby will abuse the undersized Caps as well.

The Capitals will win if Kolzig plays like he did in 1998 and they take Jagr out. The Pens will win if Jagr scores often, and others chip in. They will also need a strong showing from newly acquired netminder Ron Tugnutt.

Toronto Maple Leafs (No. 3 seed) vs. Ottawa Senators (No. 6 seed)

This could very well be the best first round match-up this season. The Battle of Ontario. Two Canadian teams playing

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sports
trivia

1. The Vince Lombardi Trophy in college football goes to which player?
2. What sport does Ugueth Urbina play?
3. Which country has won the most world championships in Tug of War?
4. What are the dimensions of a tennis court?
5. The Cowdrey Park Gold Cup is given to the champion in what sport?

answers

1. Lineman of the Year. Corey Moore of Virginia Tech won it in 1999.
2. Baseball. He led the National League in saves for Montreal in 1999 (41).
3. England
4. 36 feet by 78 feet for doubles, 27 feet by 78 feet for singles
5. Polo

PEANUT
GALLERY

• UNO will field a women's golf team in fall 2000 with Melissa Odell as the head coach. This will be their inaugural season. Six players of the eight-player team have already signed: Katie Etter, Mercy High School; Stephanie Oster, Millard North; Molly Yeager and Abbey Morrissey, St. Thomas Aquinas of Kansas City; Sandy Strate and Kristin Stephenson, Norfolk High.

• Hockey Head Coach Mike Kemp has announced the signings of two more players for the 2000-2001 season. Coming to UNO will be Scott Turner, a 5-10, 185-pound forward (Omaha Lancers) and Mike Gabinet, a 6-3, 185-pound defenseman (Lloydminster Blazers, Alberta).

• Props to basketball standout Kim Birkel and wrestler Shawn Kelly were named UNO's Scholar-Athletes of the Year 1999-2000.

• It was announced on Thursday of last week University of Connecticut guard Khalid El-Amin would skip his senior season to enter the NBA draft. It was also announced that day Kelly and Coco Miller, identical twins from Georgia, were named co-winners of the Sullivan Award as the nation's top amateur athletes. Why do I mention this? It was four years

ago at the Target Center in Minneapolis, El-Amin led Minneapolis North to the boys state title and the Miller twins led Rochester Mayo to the girls state title on back-to-back days.

• Head Coach Pat Behrms has announced UNO will play one night game next season: Sept. 9 hosting UNK. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

• Mark this date on your calendar: July 4. The legend, Arnold Palmer, will play a nine-hole exhibition at the Player's Club at Deer Creek. Admission will be strictly limited.

• Kansas City Royals' payroll this season is \$23,433,000. Not bad, you say. The New York Yankees' payroll is \$92,538,260.

• Head Coach Mike Kemp is one of 10 finalists for the Spencer Penrose Award given to the national coach of the year in college hockey. The winner will be announced later this month.

• Head Coach Kevin Lehman has signed Omaha Burke's Tola Dada (6-6, 215) to a letter of intent to play basketball next season for UNO. Dada averaged 18.7 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game for the 20-4 Burke squad.

Texas Student Runs For City Council

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AUSTIN (TMS) - Many students like to take it easy their last semester of college. Not Monty Markland. In addition to taking 18 hours of classes, the 22-year-old University of Texas at Austin senior is running for the Austin City Council.

"If you want to live somewhere you ought to want to make it a better

place," says Markland, a self-professed optimist with wavy brown hair and hazel-green eyes.

Party identity? Republican (i.e. free enterprise, beefing up local law enforcement, trimming administrative bureaucracy). That slight accent? Unmistakably Texan. Attitude? Quite neoteric.

"The youth of this city (people between 18 to 30) ought to be represented on the city council," Markland says. "If you have students running for office, if you have students getting involved with political campaigns, it's gonna get naturally more students voting."

That's important because "nobody's gonna listen to what the younger portion of the population wants unless the younger

portion of the population votes," he adds.

Not only does Markland face the expected low turnout for younger-aged voters on Election Day (May 6), he is also up against four veteran politicians.

"I'm not intimidated," Markland says. "[But] they certainly have a good deal more of experience."

A former news editor and reporter for the campus newspaper The Daily Texan, Markland said he gained most of his political experience covering the Austin City Council meetings and state legislative sessions. Then he grew restless with the perpetuating status quo when it comes to how the council operates.

"I think things need to change quickly and it's just simple things, too," Markland said. "Basic services the city is supposed to provide. We're probably the only major city with unsynchronized traffic lights. We're short on police force. As our city continues to grow and expand and the population continues to rise, these little basic things are gonna become the sticking points."

Keeping in mind student needs, Markland has made the issue of affordable

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each other ensures one will advance past the first round. Toronto has many sparks that could light Barasso up, however they are lacking in the physical realm. Tie Domi brings the pain for the Leafs, but that's the lone amount of force. Goalie Curtis Joseph is the Leafs best defensive, and he must bring his "A" game. Ottawa is a gritty team. They play with enough emotion and pride to shrivel the Leafs. If Ottawa wins, they win on heart.

Toronto will win if Cujo plays like he traditionally does in the playoffs. They live and die by goaltending. Ottawa wins if they play up to capabilities for seven games, yet that hasn't been the case all year. The longer it goes the better Ottawa's chances. However when it comes down to who wants it more, Cujo and the Leafs want it badly.

Leafs in seven.

New Jersey Devils (No. 4 seed) vs. Florida Panthers (No. 5 seed).

After a season-long run at the top, the Devils have a miserable finish and drop to fourth. The good news is they draw Florida in the opening. New Jersey is young, hot, and running free now that the playoffs are here. Antagonizing Claude Lemieux will be a thorn in the Panther's paw and goalie Martin Brodeur is battle tested and a Stanley Cup winner already. However Florida has Pavel Bure, who with 58 goals this season, can win a game by himself.

New Jersey wins if they contain Bure and play their defensive strength. Florida wins if they unleash Bure and prove that they really have retooled to be better than the Cup Finalists in 1996. Mike Vernon, the new Panthers goalie has a couple rings under his leg pads and is prepped for another run. But, sorry Panthers, not this year.

Devils in five.

PROTEST

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But university representatives said U.S. Supreme Court decisions have allowed universities to make reasonable restrictions on speech.

"Supreme Court case law is very clear that not every inch of public property is necessarily dedicated to free-speech-type activities," Associate University Counsel Kiply Drew told IDS. "So that's one kind of philosophy with speech, where a government entity, like a public university, is allowed to make what are called reasonable time, place and manner restrictions."

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The physical reach of the tour itself still has its limits, but its online counterpart, <http://www.colleges.com/spitfire>, is working crowds everywhere all the time, serving as a national forum for student debate. For those who want a taste of the tour, selected speeches are available for download; for those who want the whole nine yards, a contest offers students the opportunity win a gig on the tour.

The tour next surfaces on April 13 at the Bridgewater State in Boston, followed by stops at the University of Missouri, University of New Hampshire and University of Cincinnati on April 25, May 5 and May 12, respectively. More dates will be announced, and an updated schedule is available at the Spitfire Web site.

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housing one of his campaign keystones.

"The city council's micromanaging policies constrict the supply side of housing, and that's why prices go through the roof," Markland explained, noting that current rates for housing around campus run as high \$800 per month.

Speaking of money, how is Markland holding up against the bigwigs? Most of the funding has come out of his earnings designing Web pages and handling computer systems for a local company, as well as local individuals.

"My parents gave me \$100," Markland said, although he's aware of the weakness of his "shoestring" campaign. Well, not to mention his personal weaknesses: "I'm short. I'm hairy. My right eye is smaller than my left eye. I'm kind of absent-minded."

"I'm probably overly optimistic," Markland added, quickly noting that most successful people are self-deprecating.

Regardless of the race's outcome, Markland said his main reason for running is his incurable optimism and idealism. And because it's fun, he said.

"The first step of good management is listening to people and letting them feel like their concerns have been expressed-you gotta let them feel like they can talk," Markland said. "If I do get elected, my most important attribute is the fact that I'm a hell of a talker but I'm a hell of a listener too."

Just for the record: Markland is an Aries. His one vice is smoking. He doesn't drink because "it saps your energy." He's happily engaged. His favorite color is orange (because he's a big UT football fan who's been to every home game). He has a cocker spaniel named Hoover (named not for the vacuum cleaner, the president or the dam). And his biggest pet peeve?

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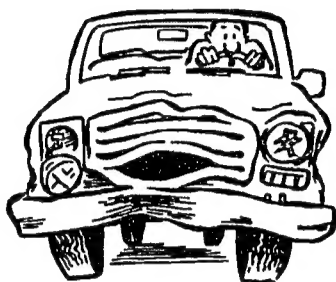
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